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1. SUMMARY: ANTI-CHINA POLEMICAL ARTICLE IN

RED STAR ANALYZES SHORTCOMINGS OF MAOISTS IN  
MARXIST-LENINIST JARGON, SUGGESTING THAT EFFORT  
HAS BEGUN TO FIND SUITABLE FRAMEWORK FOR DEALING  
WITH CHINA QUESTION IN FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL  
COMMUNIST MEETINGS. END SUMMARY.

2. HARD-HITTING ARTICLE IN MILITARY ORGAN RED STAR  
DEC 12 MEASURES CHINESE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL POLICY  
AGAINST ORTHODOX MARXIST-LENINIST STANDARDS AND FINDS  
MAOIST REGIME SORELY WANTING. COMMENTATOR V. VASILIEV  
INDICTS PRC DOMESTIC POLICY FOR WEAKENING SOCIALIST  
GAINS OF CHINESE WORKING CLASS AND CLAIMS CCP IS NOW  
BUILT ON IDEOLOGICAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL PRINCIPLES  
ALIEN TO LENINISM. IN DESCRIBING INTERNAL POWER  
STRUGGLE, HE INEXPLICABLY OMITTS MENTION OF ANTI-CONFUCIUS  
CAMPAIGN (WHICH HAS BEEN DESCRIBED IN OTHER SOVIET  
MEDIA, INCLUDING LENGTHY DEC 11 NOVOSTI ARTICLE  
IN SOVYETSKAYA ESTONIA), BUT DOES DIVIDE LEADERSHIP INTO  
"MODERATES" AND "LEFTISTS." FORMER INCLUDE CHOU EN-LAI,  
YEH CHIEN-YING AND LI HSIEN-NIEN. LATTER ARE THE  
SHANGHAI TRIO OF CHANG CH'U-CH'IAO, YAO WEN-YUAN AND  
WANG HUNG-WEN PLUS CHIANG CH'ING. HE FINDS THAT  
COMPROMISE BETWEEN THESE TWO ELEMENTS, BASED ON  
THEIR OPPOSITION TO MILITARY DOMINANCE UNDER LIN PIAO AND  
THEIR ANTI-SOVIETISM, IS IN PROCESS OF UNRAVELING.

3. FAMILIAR RECITATION OF CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY SINS  
INCLUDES CHARGE THAT MAO GROUP HAS ABANDONED CLASS  
POSITIONS, IS WORKING AGAINST COORDINATED FOREIGN  
POLICIES OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AND REPRESENTS A FORCE  
HOSTILE TO INTERESTS OF SOCIALISM, NATIONAL LIBERATION  
MOVEMENT AND VITAL INTERESTS OF PEACELOVING PEOPLES.  
ARTICLE NOTES SHIFT OF CHINESE ANTI-SOVIET PRONOUNCE-  
MENTS FROM LEVEL OF STRUGGLE AGAINST SOVIET REVISIONISM  
TO STRUGGLE AGAINST THE SOVIET STATE. THIS IS  
CONTRASTED WITH SOVIET REASONABLENESS AND PROPOSALS  
AIMED AT NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. ARTICLE REVIEWS  
PEKING'S ATTITUDES TOWARD SOVIET-U.S. DETENTE, EUROPE,  
AND MIDDLE EAST, CONCLUDING THAT PEKING'S RAPPROCHEMENT  
WITH THE WEST IS ACCOMPANIED BY POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL  
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CAL CAPITULATION TO IMPERIALISM.

4. SUMMING UP, VASILIEV MAKES THE SERIOUS ALLEGATION  
THAT MAO'S PRESENT COURSE CONTRADICTS THE BASIC  
REQUIREMENTS OF CHINA'S DEVELOPMENT ALONG THE SOCIALIST  
PATH. HE FORESEES THAT THIS WILL GIVE RISE TO FORCES  
(WITHIN CHINA, IT IS CLEARLY IMPLIED) WHICH OPPOSE MAO'S  
COURSE WITH GROWING VIGOR.

5. COMMENT: THIS ARTICLE MAY WELL BE PART OF SOVIET EFFORT TO FIND A SATISFACTORY FRAMEWORK FOR DEALING WITH THE CINA QUESTION IN FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL COMMUIST PARTY MEETINGS. ITS FLAVOR SEEMS VRY SIMILAR TO RECENT STATEMENTS BY KADAR AND ZHIVKOV (REF-TEL), NOT TO MENTION SUSLOV (IN LITHUANIA) AND TO SOME EXTENT BREZHNEV (IN TASHKENT). BY FALLING BACK LAMELY ON FORMULA THAT COUNTER-FORCES IN CHINA WILL EMERGE, IT APPEARS TO STOP SHORT OF LOGICAL (AND PERHAPS PREFERRED) CPSU CONCLUSION THAT CHINA MUST BE OUSTED FROM THE RANKS OF THE MOVEMENT. IT THUS SMACKS OF A LEAST-COMMON-DENOMINATOR APPROACH, WHICH MAY NONETHE-LESS PROVE TOO HARSH FOR MANY FOREIGN COMMUNIST PARTIES.MELENCAMP

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